

# How to Live in this Godless Age

## Selected Scriptures

The next few years are going to be some of the most challenging and clarifying times for the church in recent history.

Years of ease have come to a halt. Years of culturally comfortable pew sitting and pulpit gazing will now become real life decisions to be faced by families, pastors and individual churches.

Soon, the idea of a casual christian or as some have incorrectly taught, the “carnal christian” will be a thing of the past.

You will be either true or false, real or fake, a true believer or an apostate.

Affiliation or membership of a conservative, orthodox, real evangelical church that affirms and teaches without compromise, the whole counsel of God will and can become costly.

There still will be the large seeker churches that have compromised a long time ago. But now it will be clearer than ever where they stand.

There will be true believers that will exit those churches looking for the Truth and those committed

to it. They will be looking for believers who are unwilling to compromise for the crowds.

We will see it more and more... Families leaving once believed to be conservative churches that will have caved to the cultural and governmental mandates.

No more ambiguity, no more half hearted commitment to God's Word. It is all about to be made abundantly clear.

Lines are being drawn right now as I speak that that will separate the wheat from the tares.

Leaders in churches are having special called meetings to determine how to navigate these new waters we are in. Some are concerned about how they will be able to pay off the debt they owe on building, others are concerned what happens if we loose our tax exemptions, how much money will we have left to operate.

Some have said, "Who will take care of the families of the pastors if they are put in jail". Where will they go and what can they do.

What will churches do with the families who will loose there jobs because they will not affirm the gender affirmation equality act that will be given to them to sign.

Can ministry still be down the same way we have before. Will we have to start talking in code rather than plain Biblical language.

Some Christians are determining how far to go in no longer supporting platforms and business who have shown their true colors in deplatforming truth. Some are canceling social media platforms and accounts with businesses that have censored Christians and conservatives.

These are real concerns I have heard other pastors and other believers talk about and warn of.

What we have taken for granted to always be there will now become very important and a priority.

This is not the first time the people of God have been tested

### **Daniel 3:8–19 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and accused the Jews. <sup>9</sup> They spoke and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! <sup>10</sup> You, O king, have made a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, *and* psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the gold image; <sup>11</sup> and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a burning

fiery furnace. <sup>12</sup> There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up.”

<sup>13</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. So they brought these men before the king. <sup>14</sup> Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, “*Is it true*, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, *that* you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up? <sup>15</sup> Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, *and* psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, *good!* But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who *is* the god who will deliver you from my hands?”

<sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. <sup>17</sup> If that *is the case*, our God whom

we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver *us* from your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”

### **Daniel 3:19–20 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. <sup>20</sup> And he commanded certain mighty men of valor who *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, *and cast them* into the burning fiery furnace.

As we navigate these troubling times, we are going to know who really believes the church is essential. There are some who left church back in March of 2020 because of the Covid that will never be back. They have come to believe, it just not that important anyway.

There are others that left and have longed to return but because of legitimate health concerns

have stayed away. They really want to be here. They love the church and long to be with other believers, not on a flat screen TV but in person.

The Church is a precious gift that God ordained for the good of His people and the Glory of God.

So how can we Live, how should we live in this godless age?

## **Lesson:**

Our Confession

Our Communion

Our Conduct

### **1.Our Confession**

Our Confession is what the church is built on. It is the fabric that holds us together and gives us the Biblical worldview. Its what the church returns to

time and time again when faced with troubling times.

Paul said that it was his practice to teach the Church the “whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27) and that it is this teaching that we are to “commit to faith men, that they be able to teach others also.” (II Tim. 2:2)

Luke reminds us in Acts that it was the Churches practice to do this.

### **Acts 2:42 (NKJV)**

<sup>42</sup> And they **continued steadfastly** in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

### **continued steadfastly**

proskartereó: to attend constantly

**Original Word:** προσκαρτερέω

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** proskartereó

**Phonetic Spelling:** (pros-kar-ter-eh'-o)

**Definition:** to attend constantly

**Usage:** I persist, persevere in, continue steadfast in; I wait upon. 4342 proskartereó (from 4314 /prós, "towards, interactively with" and 2594 /kartereó, "show steadfast strength," derived from 2904 /krátos, "prevailing strength") – properly, to consistently showing strength which

prevails (in spite of difficulties); to endure (remain firm), staying in a fixed direction.

[[4342](#) /proskarteréō means "to continue to do something with intense effort, with the possible implication of despite difficulty – 'to devote oneself to, to keep on, to persist in'" (L & N, 1, 68.68).]

### **Matthew 16:13–19 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “**Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?**”

<sup>14</sup> So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup> He said to them, “**But who do you say that I am?**”

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, “**Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.**

**<sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and**



whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

**petra: a (large mass of) rock**

**Original Word:** πέτρα, ας, ἡ

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine

**Transliteration:** petra

**Phonetic Spelling:** (pet'-ra)

**Definition:** a (large mass of) rock

**Usage:** a rock, ledge, cliff, cave, stony ground.

4073 pétra (a feminine noun) – "a mass of connected rock," which is distinct from 4074 (Pétros) which is "a detached stone or boulder" (A-S). 4073 (pétra) is a "solid or native rock, rising up through the earth" (Souter) – a huge mass of rock (a boulder), such as a projecting cliff.

4073 (petra) is "a projecting rock, cliff (feminine noun) . . . 4074 (petros, the masculine form) however is a stone . . . such as a man might throw" (S. Zodhiates, Dict).

Pétros (a masculine noun) – properly, a stone (pebble), such as a small rock found along a pathway. 4074 /Pétros ("small stone") then stands in contrast to 4073 /pétra ("cliff, boulder," Abbott-Smith).

"4074 (Pétros) is an isolated rock and 4073 (pétra) is a cliff" (TDNT, 3, 100). "4074 (Pétros) always means a stone . . . such as a man may throw, . . . versus 4073 (pétra), a projecting rock, cliff" (S. Zodhiates, Dict).

All of the Confession of the Church is important. But in this case. Jesus says that the confession that “Jesus is the the Christ, the Son of the Living God”

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is the foundation upon which the church is built. And there are many names and characteristics that are given of Christ, but the 2 that are most often attributed to him is that He is

Savior and LORD or God and Savior.

**Romans 10:9 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth the **Lord** Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

**Romans 10:13 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> For “*whoever calls* on the name of the **Lord** shall be saved.”

**Philippians 2:11 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Titus 2:13 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

My point is that primary point of the confession that Peter made, which the church is built on is that  
 Jesus is God  
 Jesus is Lord  
 Jesus Savior.

And these three things are the what all the other doctrine is built on.

## 1. Jesus is God

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He is in essence God. He is the only God. the Living God.

not like the false Gods created by men.

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**115:1** Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,  
But to Your name give glory,  
Because of Your mercy,  
Because of Your truth.

**2** Why should the Gentiles say,  
“So where *is* their God?”

**3** But our God *is* in heaven;  
He does whatever He pleases.

**4** Their idols *are* silver and gold,  
The work of men’s hands.

**5** They have mouths, but they do not speak;  
Eyes they have, but they do not see;

**6** They have ears, but they do not hear;  
Noses they have, but they do not smell;

**7** They have hands, but they do not handle;  
Feet they have, but they do not walk;  
Nor do they mutter through their throat.

**8** Those who make them are like them;  
*So is* everyone who trusts in them.

John 10:30–33 (NKJV)

<sup>30</sup> **I and My Father are one.**”

<sup>31</sup> Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. <sup>32</sup> Jesus answered them, **“Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?”**

<sup>33</sup> The Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.”

1. Jesus is God

## **2. Jesus is LORD**

This is referencing his Sovereignty, He is LORD, MASTER, KING, RULER,

kýrios – properly, a person exercising absolute ownership rights; lord (Lord).

[In the papyri, [2962](#) (kýrios) likewise denotes an owner (master) exercising full rights.]

Another way of saying this is He is Sovereign  
It is implied by the word GOD but is it specifically meant by the Name LORD

This is absolutely essential when we as the church face these difficult times. WE must remember the Jesus is LORD.

Not Presidents, Not Kings, not governors, not rulers

He makes the plans and carries them out. He makes the decisions and implements them.

Presidents, Kings and governors and Rulers only do what He has ordained they do

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**115:3**            **3**    But our God *is* in heaven;  
                         He does whatever He pleases.

### **Psalm 2:1–4 (NKJV)**

- 1 Why do the nations rage,  
And the people plot a vain thing?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves,  
And the rulers take counsel together,  
Against the Lord and against His Anointed,  
*saying,*
- 3 “Let us break Their bonds in pieces  
And cast away Their cords from us.”
- 4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;

The Lord shall hold them in derision. (Mock them)

**Psalm 135:6–10 (NKJV)**

- 6 Whatever the Lord pleases He does,  
In heaven and in earth,  
In the seas and in all deep places.
- 7 He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of  
the earth;  
He makes lightning for the rain;  
He brings the wind out of His treasuries.
- 8 He destroyed the firstborn of Egypt,  
Both of man and beast.
- 9 He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you,  
O Egypt,  
Upon Pharaoh and all his servants.
- 10 He defeated many nations  
And slew mighty kings—

**Psalm 44:2-3 (NKJV)**

- 2 You drove out the nations with Your hand,  
But them You planted;  
You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out.
- 3 For they did not gain possession of the land by  
their own sword,  
Nor did their own arm save them;

But it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light  
of Your countenance,  
Because You favored them.

**Isaiah 46:9–11 (NKJV)**

- <sup>9</sup> Remember the former things of old,  
For I *am* God, and *there is* no other;  
*I am* God, and *there is* none like Me,  
<sup>10</sup> Declaring the end from the beginning,  
And from ancient times *things* that are not *yet*  
done,  
Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand,  
And I will do all My pleasure,’  
<sup>11</sup> Calling a bird of prey from the east,  
The man who executes My counsel, from a far  
country.  
Indeed I have spoken *it*;  
I will also bring it to pass.  
I have purposed *it*;  
I will also do it.

**Daniel 4:34–35 (NKJV)**

- <sup>34</sup> And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar,  
lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding  
returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and  
praised and honored Him who lives forever:



For His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion,  
 And His kingdom *is* from generation to generation.  
<sup>35</sup> All the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as  
 nothing;  
 He does according to His will in the army of  
 heaven  
 And *among* the inhabitants of the earth.  
 No one can restrain His hand  
 Or say to Him, “What have You done?”

### **Ephesians 1:11 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> In Him also we have obtained an inheritance,  
 being predestined according to the purpose of Him  
who works all things according to the counsel of His  
 will,

### **Romans 9:19 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> You will say to me then, “Why does He still find  
 fault? For who has resisted His will?”

### **Romans 9:20–21 (NKJV)**

<sup>20</sup> But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against  
 God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed *it*,  
 “Why have you made me like this?” <sup>21</sup> Does not the  
 potter have power over the clay, from the same lump

to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

When it relates to our current country, we need to be reminded

### **Romans 13:1 (NKJV)**

**13** Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

There have been some very ungodly deceptive tactics employed this past year, to lock down businesses and destroy to close down churches and to install a new presidential administration that is the furthest left on the political spectrum that we have ever seen.

As John MarArthur stated, this country wants Satan not Truth.

We don't know the secret things that pertain to God and God alone.

But we can only assume a few things.

God is Judging this Country

God is purifying His Church.  
God is calling us to be faithful.  
God is reminding us what really matters.

So if you do not have a very healthy understanding of the Sovereignty of God, you need to start working on it. YOU will need it.

### **Mark 4:35–41 (NKJV)**

<sup>35</sup> On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, **“Let us cross over to the other side.”**

<sup>36</sup> Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. <sup>37</sup> And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.

<sup>38</sup> But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”

<sup>39</sup> Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, **“Peace, be still!”** And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup> But He said to them, **“Why are you so fearful? How *is it* that you have no faith?”** <sup>41</sup> And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, “Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!”

1. Jesus is God = only living and true God
2. Jesus is Lord = Sovereign

### **3. Jesus Savior**

This is in essence the of the Confession of Christ  
i.e. The Gospel.

The Gospel is why we are here and the Gospel  
is there reason why we are left here.

We are saved because Christ is the Savior

The Church exist because Christ came to seek and  
to save that which is lost.

The church will be built, and no government or  
President can stop it. It does not matter what  
comes the church will be all that Christ has  
purposed.

In fact, I will go as far as to say that whoever is in  
the white house or who ever is in the House of  
Representatives or Senate

IS inconsequential to the true church.

IT simply does not matter who is in government.

The church will be built.

**John 6:33–39 (NKJV)**

<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

<sup>34</sup> Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup> And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>39</sup> This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.

**2 Peter 3:7–10 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

<sup>8</sup> But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness,

but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Matthew 11:27 (NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> **All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.**

2 Corinthians 1:17 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, when I was **planning** this, did I do it lightly? Or the things I plan, do I plan according to the flesh, that with me there should be Yes, Yes, and No, No?

1.Our Confession

**2.Our Communion**

The church is more important than ever now. Not that it hasn't been in the past, but since we are in a post-christian pagan, godless cultural, the churches light is brighter than ever as long as we don't hide it.

We are the salt, we are the light and we are the People who worship the true God in Christ Jesus.

We are not a religion, we are the called out ones..

And we gather together no matter what.

We are expected to love God and love one another more than our own lives.

Hebrews 10:23–25 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

## Acts 2:40–47 (NKJV)

<sup>40</sup> And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” <sup>41</sup> Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. <sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. <sup>43</sup> Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, <sup>45</sup> and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

<sup>46</sup> So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

## Acts 3:11 (NKJV)

### *Preaching in Solomon’s Portico*

<sup>11</sup> Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to



them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed.

### Acts 3:12–15 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> So when Peter saw *it*, he responded to the people: “Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go. <sup>14</sup> But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup> and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

### Acts 3:19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

### Acts 4:1–4 (NKJV)

#### ***Peter and John Arrested***

**4** Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came

upon them, <sup>2</sup> being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup> And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup> However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

#### Acts 4:5–6 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, <sup>6</sup> as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

#### Acts 4:7 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, “By what power or by what name have you done this?”

#### Acts 4:10–12 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. <sup>11</sup> This is the *‘stone which was rejected by*

*you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.*'<sup>12</sup> Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

#### Acts 4:16–21 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> ...“What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them *is* evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny *it*.<sup>17</sup> But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.”

<sup>18</sup> So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.<sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.<sup>20</sup> For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”<sup>21</sup> So when they had further threatened them, they let them go,...

#### Acts 4:23–32 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.<sup>24</sup> So when they heard

that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: “Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, <sup>25</sup> who by the mouth of Your servant David have said:

*‘Why did the nations rage,  
And the people plot vain things?*

<sup>26</sup> *The kings of the earth took their stand,  
And the rulers were gathered together  
Against the Lord and against His Christ.’*

<sup>27</sup> “For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together <sup>28</sup> to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. <sup>29</sup> Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, <sup>30</sup> by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”

<sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

<sup>32</sup> Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that

any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.

1. Our confession
2. Our Communion

### **3. Our Conduct**

1 Peter 1:13–17 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; <sup>14</sup> as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, *as* in your ignorance; <sup>15</sup> but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, <sup>16</sup> because it is written, “*Be holy, for I am holy.*”

<sup>17</sup> And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear;

1 Peter 2:1–2 (NKJV)

**2** Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, <sup>2</sup> as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

### 1 Peter 2:9–15 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; <sup>10</sup> who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, <sup>12</sup> having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good. <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—

## 1 Peter 2:17 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

## 1 Peter 2:18–21 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> Servants, *be* submissive to *your* masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. <sup>19</sup> For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. <sup>20</sup> For what credit *is it* if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

## 1 Peter 3:8–9 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> Finally, all *of you be* of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, *be* tenderhearted, *be* courteous; <sup>9</sup> not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

### 1 Peter 3:13–17 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> And who *is* he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, *you are blessed*. “*And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.*”

<sup>15</sup> But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

<sup>17</sup> For *it is* better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

### 1 Peter 4:7–10 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. <sup>8</sup> And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “*love will cover a multitude of sins.*” <sup>9</sup> *Be* hospitable to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

### 1 Peter 4:12–17 (NKJV)



<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; <sup>13</sup> but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. <sup>14</sup> If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. <sup>16</sup> Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

<sup>17</sup> For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

1 Peter 4:19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls *to Him* in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

1 Peter 5:6–11 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

<sup>7</sup> casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

<sup>8</sup> Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. <sup>10</sup> But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*. <sup>11</sup> To Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.